

player from my Texas congressional district—Shereka Wright—on her selection as the 1999–2000 Gatorade National High School Girls Basketball Champion. Shereka was chosen for this honor out of the 454,000 high school girls basketball players across the country. Past winners of this award include Emmitt Smith, Lisa Leslie, Chris Webber, Peyton Manning, Tim Couch, Kobe Bryant, and Alex Rodriguez.

Shereka Wright will graduate from Copperas Cove High School in Copperas Cove, Texas, next month after four tremendous years as a basketball player. Her long list of achievements already rivals many professional basketball players.

Just this season, Shereka has averaged 25 points, 10 rebounds, four assists, three steals, and two blocks per game. Over the course of her career, she has scored over 3,000 points. That feat places her in the top-25 scorers of all-time. She has been selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Nike Tournament of Champions in California twice. She has also been named to the Conference AAAAA 1st Team All-State in Texas for four consecutive years.

Shereka's commitment to success off the court is equally impressive. She truly is a student athlete and has maintained a 3.6 grade point average. She has also volunteered her time working with the Youth Teen Summit and summer youth basketball camps.

Shereka will attend Purdue University in the fall. I feel certain she will continue to be an outstanding player, student, and leader for many years to come.

I ask Members to join me and offer our heartfelt congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for continued success, to a student and athlete—Shereka Wright.

COMMENDING CHASITY SNYDER

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the courageous acts of Chasity Snyder, a heroine from Lima, OH. Her extraordinary act of bravery can serve as an inspiration to us all.

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SMALL MARVEL

Afloat on her Yellow Jacket, Chas Snyder, 11, saves a pair of canoeists in peril.

It was one of those delightfully warm days that can fool the winter-weary into thinking the worst is over. So in Lima, Ohio, home-maker Cherie Snyder took her daughter Chasity, 11, down to the reservoir on March 6 to see if they could hook a few fish. Meanwhile, James H. Moore Sr., 36, a delivery driver, and Aaron Schafer, 22, a roofer, had already launched Moore's newly patched canoe on a test run. But the two men were about 25 yards from shore when the canoe started to roll. They jumped—without life jackets—into water so frigid that swimming was nearly impossible. Spotting the men struggling, Snyder, 30, waded in to try to save them, but quickly retreated because of the cold.

That's when Chas sprang into action. "I said, 'Chas, no!'" recalls her mother. But

Chas shouted, "Mom, I have to! I've got to do something!" and then shed her yellow winter jacket and leaped in. Using the jacket as a flotation device she paddled out to Moore, who had slipped below the surface, and dragged him to where he could touch bottom. "I had floaties when I was little," says Chas, and explains that the jacket looked similar. Chas then helped Lynn Wallace, 41, who was on an afternoon walk, rescue Schafer. "If that little girl hadn't been there," Moore says of Chas, "I would be in the funeral home."

Back home after the rescue, Chas, who lives with Cherie and her four siblings, says she never doubted she could help the men: "My guardian angel and God gave me courage and told me I could do it and nothing would happen to me."

HONORING THE HAMMOND CARPENTER'S UNION LOCAL 599

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate some of the most dedicated and skilled workers in Northwest Indiana. On April 8, 2000, in a salute to their workers' durability and longevity, the Hammond Carpenter's Union Local 599 recognized their members for 25 years or more of dedicated service. They were recognized during a pin ceremony banquet to be held on Saturday at the Carpenter's Union Hall in Hammond, Indiana. These individuals, in addition to the other Local 599 members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are a testament to the prototypical American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

The Carpenter's Local 599, which received its charter in 1899, honored members for their years of devoted service. The members honored for 55 years of service include: John Giba, Sylvester Reising and Tensey Roberts. The members honored for 50 years of service include: Robert J. Busch, Robert Herhold, Earnest Latta, Kenneth Ogden and Oliver J. Vogeler. The members honored for 45 years of service include: Louis B. Biedron, Lafayette M. Bundren, William J. Burgess, Guy Casey, William C. Dowdy, Elmer F. Lucas, Raymond Lukowski and John Sills. The members honored for 40 years of service include: John M. Davich, Robert Dimichelle, C. J. Krupinski, Ethard McIlroy, Richard Meyers, John E. Shoup, William Simmons, Joseph M. Staes and Robert Washington. The members honored for 35 years of service include: John R. Billings, Kenneth E. Clayton, James McCready, Harold Neil, Elmer C. Phelps, Jr., Paul V. Reppa, Dale R. Robert, Harold Sills and Richard C. Thiel. The members honored for 30 years of service include: Robert E. Chorba, Glen E. Flaherty, Jr., Uwe H. Grantz, James Liming, Sr. and Paul W. Steinhauer. The members honored for 25 years of service include: Denny L. Crouse, Thomas A. Dorsey, John P. Hindahl, Donald King, Joseph Lippie and Richard A. Polus.

As Orville Dewey said, "Labor is man's greatest function. He is nothing, he can be

nothing, he can achieve nothing, he can fulfill nothing, without working." The men and women of Local 599, in addition to all of the local unions in Northwest Indiana, form the backbone of our economy and community. Without their blood, sweat, and tears, Indiana's First Congressional District would not be a place of which to be proud, it would not be the place I love, nor would it be my home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and outstanding members of the Hammond Carpenter's Union Local 599, in addition to all the hardworking union men and women in America. The men and women of Local 599 are a fine representation of America's union men and women; I am proud to represent such dedicated men and women in Congress. Their hard labor and dauntless courage are the achievement and fulfillment of the American dream.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO REDUCE TEMPORARILY THE DUTY ON FIPRONIL TECHNICAL

HON. WILLIAM J. JEFFERSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2000

Mr. JEFFERSON. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation to reduce the ad valorem duty on the active ingredient used in a product known as fipronil technical, an insecticide registered for use on dozens of crops, in the animal health industry to control fleas and ticks, and most importantly in urban pest control to stop the spread of destructive termites.

As many of my colleagues know, the entire Gulf Coast is under attack by Formosan termites. The invasion is costing homeowners, businesses and local governments hundreds of millions annually. Biologists have traced these insatiable termites to twelve states. In my district—New Orleans—Formosan termites have caused more damage than tornadoes, hurricanes and floods combined. Experts trace the migration of these voracious termites to the continental United States back to the return of World War II cargo ships from the Far East to ports throughout the country. Since then, the Formosan termite has increased beyond control, infesting trees, homes and other buildings. Traditional forms of pesticides do not work on this termite and while efforts are underway to develop a termiticide that will eradicate the Formosan pests, we must also consider new products.

We have been working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and with manufacturers of pest control products to bring new products to the market to help us in our efforts to stop these destructive insects. A new product, fipronil, was officially registered for use by the EPA just last September and is being introduced into the market this month. This new product is applied to the perimeter of buildings and within three months the termites have died. The chemical is a non-repellent so the insects carry it to the nest and contaminate it before the other termites can detect it. Other products take much longer to produce results and are more labor intensive.